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Young supports education

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Read his lips; there will be no education cuts.

Republican Don Young, Alaska's sole member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was very direct about the possibility of any cuts in funding of education programs by the national government. "That's not going to happen," he said.

Young, who was recently in Juneau as part of a three-day trip through Alaska to discuss the concerns of his constituents, was very positive about his position on education, as well as that of President George Bush.

The president recognizes the problems in the education system and is determined to alleviate them, said Young.

Young said he has been following the education issue closely. While realizing a need for drastic changes, he is working to ensure responsible remedies.

"We can't just throw millions of dollars into education programs and hope that it solves all our problems. Money alone won't solve anything," said Young.

"Spend the money, sure, but make sure we know why we are spending it and that we are getting what we pay for," Young said.

In addition to funding, Young sees other factors that will contribute to improving the education system. "First off, the family unit has to be reinstated, and secondly, we need to look at our whole educational philosophy," he said.

Young referred to those who point out short comings in the education of the students in the United States when compared to other nations, specifically the Asian countries.

"They talk about how much smarter the kids from those countries are. What they fail to realize is that the kids aren't necessarily smarter, they have a

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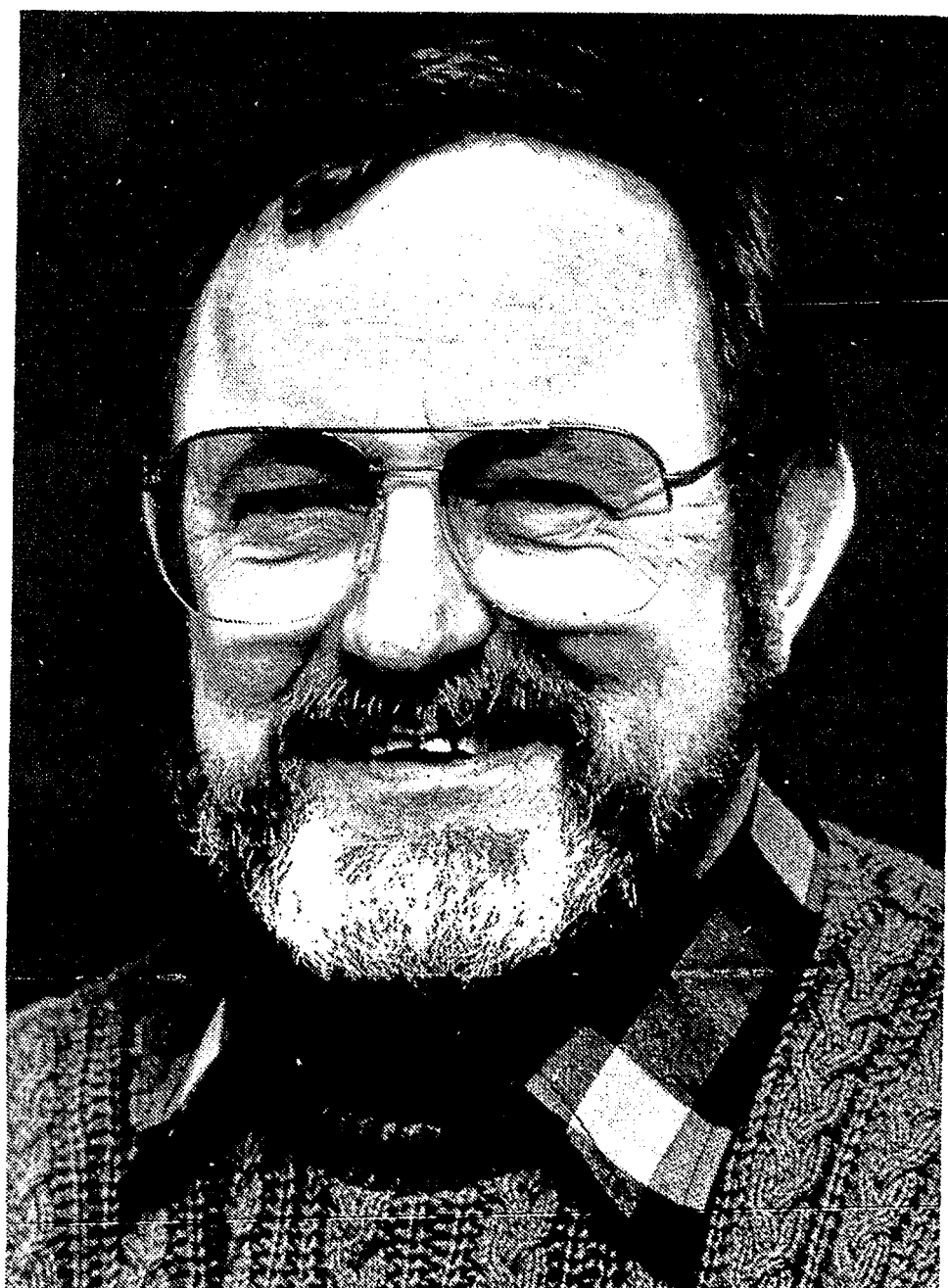


Photo by Gregory Norman

Congressman Don Young speaks on education during recent visit.

UAS practice gym in the near future?

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

Good news athletes, The University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) may soon have a practice gymnasium on campus, said UAS Facilities and Planning Drafter Mike Greene.

UAS Regional Architect, Jack Wolever proposed a skeletal gymnasium to the Board of Regents Thursday, but no information on the outcome was available by press time.

Since the money for the proposed dome gymnasium may not be available for some time, a building is in the planning stages for the school's teams to have a place to practice, Greene said.

"Right now its unofficial title is 'practice gym,'" Green said.

Basically, it will consist of an National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) approved court, with four walls

around it and a roof, Greene said.

There will be restroom facilities, of course, and there may be locker rooms, he said.

As it stands now the men's and women's basketball teams practice at the Juneau-Douglas High School Gymnasium downtown.

They have been known to start practice as late as 11 p.m. on week nights, because they have to wait until the high school's junior varsity and varsity teams, as well as drill team and cheerleaders have completed their practices.

If the proposed practice gymnasium is approved by the regents, and if funding is available in time, construction will begin some time after July. It will be located above the upper level parking lot, according to Greene's plans.

It was not known at press time what the estimated cost of the practice facility would be.

Literary magazine seeks submissions

BY WHALESONG STAFF

Students at the University of Alaska Southeast with a yen for literary writing are being asked to submit works for the 1990 version of "Explorations," the university's literary publication.

Explorations, now in its 10th year, accepts submissions

nationally and internationally. Final decisions on works to be included in the publication are made by a "blind jury" board of directors, comprised of UAS faculty and students of literature and art, and by recognized poets, writers and artists. Those wishing to apply to the board are invited.

The format for articles

should be typed, double-spaced pages for prose (2,500 words maximum for fiction or essays) and singled-spaced pages (one poem per page) for poetry. Onion skin paper is not acceptable and unintended typos create a definite negative bias.

The poet, writer or artist's name and address should appear on the back of each submission

(for prose on the first sheet only). A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included for a guaranteed return and appropriately stamped for return of manuscript.

Although theme and mode are never barriers to consideration, the publications does not solicit "religious

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Smiling Seater satisfied with teaching

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

The mystery is solved. For those who've been wondering why University of Alaska Southeast Mathematics Professor, Ron Seater always has a grin from ear to ear, here it is in his own words.

"My students. I really enjoy teaching. I'm very satisfied with my life right now."

Seater spends his summers on a gill netter in Cook Inlet, fishing commercially for salmon.

"I've fished since before I could walk."

Both jobs have a certain amount of stress, but fishing has more, he said.

"When I make a test up, I have real anxiety. I want to challenge the students' minds, but I don't want to break them. I want to know that they

understand the concepts, not that they can just regurgitate facts," Seater said.

As far as the stress in his other career goes, Seater shared one of the most frightening experiences in his life, "I was fishing and realized that somebody had taken the plug out of the back end of my boat, and it was actually sinking. The water was rough. It was night time, there were no other

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Photo by Gregory Norman

Ron Seater

EDITORIAL

Support endowment

Recently Gov. Steve Cowper stumbled in the right direction. In fact, when he realized that he was actually supporting something worthwhile, he decided to pour taxpayers' dollars into a full scale media blitz.

Cowper plans to fund an advertising barrage which will urge voters to support a proposal to take money from the Permanent Fund and spend it on improving the state's education system.

The funding of the media blitz is getting more attention than the legislation the blitz is going to support. Opponents question the legality of a state agency contributing an unlimited amount of money to a political campaign.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will create the advertisements then deliver them to a political action committee formed by Cowper. The committee, funded by the APOC, will then deal with the media. Total cost to the taxpayers has not yet been determined.

The administration is errantly claiming that a 1978 attorney general's opinion concerning this type of funding validates the process.

In this battle, the public will surely miss the real intention of the blitz. Cowper wants to find additional funding for education and he believes he can get it from the

Permanent Fund.

Cowper has a very noble idea and voters will be sympathetic to the cause until they realize exactly how the money will be extracted.

The proposal calls for earmarking twenty-five percent of the earnings of the Permanent Fund to be allocated to education. This would reduce the yearly dividends all residents receive, but in the long run the state will benefit tremendously from this approach.

It has been proven and bemoaned often enough that non-residents are fraudulently receiving PFD checks. If the checks were not as enticing the "outsiders" would not be as anxious to try and steal them.

More importantly, supporting the education of today's youth is the most healthy investment we can make.

Cowper's plan does not call for funds to be allocated to the state universities though, and this is a major flaw. It's as if he has forgotten us.

I might point out that an overwhelming majority of university students in this state are eligible voters. How could Cowper overlook that blatant fact? To say that a revisal of this proposal would garner tremendous university support is an understatement.

Hopefully personal greed and materialism will be set aside for the good of all Alaska.

The future of this state rests in the hands of little Johnny and Susie, let's make sure they get the best education this world has to offer.

Watch tuition rise

BY SHAWN PAUL
WHALESONG STAFF

By the close of business today, the University of Alaska Board of Regents, students and other concerned individuals will have fought the annual knock-down, drag-out fight over tuition increases.

While most students realize that the dollar continues to buy less and less, and accordingly education continues to cost more and more, we hope that any increase will be reasonable and that we will be part of the decision.

We could argue forever about what are reasonable and fair tuition rates. It's a simple fact of life; pleasing everyone is impossible. Let's face it though, in nation-wide comparisons, the University of Alaska is fairly inexpensive.

Currently, tuition and fees at UAS are below the average for public schools in the Western states in every category.

Judging by the past, we should not be leery of drastic tuition hikes. However, we

should make certain that the decision is not rammed down our throats like those of the past five years.

Board of Regents policy clearly explains that tuition rate changes are not to take effect until a year after being accepted by the board.

For the past five years the university has broken its own policy.

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The policy providing for a one-year grace period was adopted in 1984 shortly after students, who had little or no input, adamantly protested a decision to increase tuition.

Maybe the policy was never meant to be enforced or maybe it was tossed aside because the board thought no one was watching. Sorry, we have news for the regents -- we are watching and we are not happy.

Students, faculty and administration are expected to abide by policy.

We expect the same from the entire system.

Perserverance's Born Yesterday, a revived classic

BY SCOTT H. MILLER

It is nearly always said of a

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revival, at least in its advertising, that, though it was written back in whatever dark ages, it is still a vital work and very much applicable to today's sensibilities.

When these statements prove true, revivals become classics. Often they are unduly optimistic.

"Born Yesterday" may be a '57 Chevy, it's no Gull Wing Mercedes. The play, which opened at Perseverance Theatre Feb. 15, looks dated, sounds dated, and its messages, that the vigor of a democracy depends on the vigilance and integrity of its citizens, and that a little literature is a dangerous thing, are really only news if you were born yesterday.

Quality acting, and an obvious sensitivity on the part of playwright Garson Kanin to the human elements in his story, keep some levels of this production interesting, if the basic premise is not.

It is difficult, having bumped through the eras of Vietnam and Watergate, not to feel like a political science major thumbing a high school civics text as the predictable plot of this vintage 1940's dramatic comedy unfolds.

Uncouth and unprincipled Harry Brock has made millions selling, appropriately, junk. In order to sell more junk faster, and being accustomed to owning anything and anyone he fancies,

Brock is in Washington D.C. buying politicians. He will be foiled by an ex-Chorus Girl under the influence of Great Books recommended by an eminently couth and principled representative of the Free Press. An Alcoholic Lawyer from Harvard ultimately will be no help to any of them.

Happily, this less than luxurious dramatic vehicle has a back seat full of well-

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constructed dialogue, and is propelled by some terrific acting, especially from John Wilson and Marta Ann Lastufka in the two leading roles.

Wilson subtly reveals the softer sides of the swaggering Brock, who is in many ways a mirror of pre-World War II America.

Lastufka, as Billie, the girl who has lived with Brock for nine years, looks nothing like Marilyn Monroe, for whom the part might well have been written. Yet her performance has many of the vulnerable-but-gutsy, obvious-but-wise, funny-but-touching qualities that made Monroe's persona so endearing.

Director Steven Pearsons of Seattle achieves some effective individual tensions in the play's

intimate moments. Though they are for the most part stereotypical period characters, Brock, Billie, attorney Ed Devery, played by Patrick Moore, and reporter Paul Verrall, played by Gary Waid, are complex enough to be interesting when they begin to open up emotionally.

Brock is touching when he admits that he loves Billie. She, in turn, is inspiringly honest.

Devery and Verrall are the most intriguing characters in the play. Devery is credited with having written a book called "The Roots of Freedom." The reasons for his decline to the position of legal henchman for Brock are never revealed, and his complexity just begins to appear in the play's closing scene.

Similarly, Verrall has barely begun to acknowledge the collision between his intellectual reserve and newly-found emotions at the final curtain.

The busier scenes, with porters and maids bustling about, are a little confusing. Most of the entrances and exits

to the hotel-room set are made center stage, which gives the audience the odd sensation that it is sitting in the hallway.

The set, itself, is odd. It's a large hotel suite with a grand

picture window and a stunning view of the Capitol dome. But it looks strangely run down for "\$235 a day," sparsely furnished and crudely appointed. When Brock's card table threatens to collapse under the weight of his gin rummy hand, one might expect him to leap to the house phone amid a hail of colorful adjectives. He never does.

"Born Yesterday" seems particularly appropriate following, as it does, National Condom Week. It's an almost self-consciously "safe" production. The comedy is inoffensive, the lesson is patriotic, and it has nothing good to say about lawyers or politicians.



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Whales back in Juneau

BY GREGORY NORMAN
WHALESONG SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Alaska Southeast Men's Basketball team arrived back in Juneau early Monday following an encouraging, yet disappointing road trip.

The Whales embarked on a four-game tour of Washington and British Columbia, playing some of the toughest teams the district has to offer.

Game one was played in Tacoma, Wash., against the University of Puget Sound, third ranked in District 1 standings.

"We played a very good basketball game, against a very tough, talented basketball team," said Whales coach Clair Markey.

With two minutes left in the half, the Whales were trailing by five points, only to see that increase to nine by the intermission.

"Up to the nine-minute mark, we were still within striking distance. It was about that time when Puget Sound started to creep away from us, eventually winning, 76-54," Markey said.

UAS scoring honors for the game went to Doug Bogden, who finished with 16 points, going four out of six from the three-point area. Rudy Bean had four assists, while going six for seven from the charity strip.

Mike Hobbs contributed eight rebounds, and Dan Pierce had seven rebounds.

In a scheduled Valentine's Day game against Simon Fraser University, the Whales ran into their old nemesis, snow and ice. The game was canceled due to the weather and will be re-scheduled only if Simon Fraser is tied with another playoff contending team.

With the cancellation, the Whaled traveled to Lacey, Wash., home of the St. Martin's College Saints.

The Whales took a four-point lead in the final minutes of the first half, before falling behind by six at the



UAS player Jennifer Mannix blocks an unknown Sheldon Jackson player, while Karn Mercer gives a helping hand.

Photo by Gregory Norman

intermission, 48-42.

"We played an excellent first half of basketball, but they have a good running game, and out ran us in the second half," said Markey. "Endurance was the key to their winning."

Bean lead the Whales with 21 points, 10 assists, while going 12-12 from the freethrow line. The performance on the line moved Bean into fourth place in free throw percentage in the district and also into the national rankings in the same category, hovering at the 85.4 percent mark.

Hobbs also had a strong performance scoring 18 points and hauling in 10 rebounds. Pierce grabbed an additional nine rebounds in the 115-87 loss.

In the final road game of the season, the Whales ventured into Sitka to play Sheldon Jackson College's Seals.

"I don't think we had our hearts into the game..., not taking anything away from Sheldon Jackson. They earned the win," said Markey.

The Whales trailed at halftime, 49-30, and couldn't

make up the difference in the second half, falling to Jackson, 103-78.

"Bodgen had his best game of the season," said Markey, "and Bean had his best night shooting the ball."

Bean had 24 points, five assists, hitting on 11 of 14 shots, three for five from the three-point range. Bogden hit for 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Despite losing three games by large margins, Markey said, "It was somewhat encouraging, the way we played. We played a different style of basketball, we took our time, and walked the ball up the court, instead of our usual fast-paced game."

The Whales are home for their final two outings, hosting Central Washington University, and Seattle University, at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday night at Juneau-Douglas High School gymnasium.

Markey added, "Central is going to be a difficult game, but I think we have a good shot at Seattle."

Force not with the Ladies in finale

BY GREGORY NORMAN
WHALESONG SPORTS EDITOR

In the season's final two games, the University of Alaska Southeast Lady Whales hosted two of the district's top teams, Seattle Pacific (SPU) and St. Martin's College (STMC).

The two schools from Washington showed why they are playoff contenders, handing the Whales two lopsided defeats, 84-59 and 74-51, respectively.

The Whales were without the services of team leader and co-captain Mary Force due to a knee injury suffered in the early moments of the SPU game.

"We need Mary on the floor, not only for her leadership, but for her experience, scoring and defensive skills," said UAS Lady Whales coach Sandy Morgan.

The Whales, already missing their point guard Force, were hampered further by illness to star center Mercedes Angerman.

Weakened by the flu, Angerman's performance dropped from her season's average of 14.4 points and slightly more than nine rebounds per game, to nine points and three rebounds against SPU and 11 points and three rebounds versus St. Martins.

SPU held a 43-25 lead at the intermission and steadily built that lead into the final 25-point win.

Kris Dolquist, Karn Mercer and Jennifer Mannix all scored in double figures, while Mannix grabbed six rebounds and swatted away four shots.

In the Saturday night season finale against St. Martins, the Whales stayed close in the first half trailing, 30-25. St. Martins, however, outscored the Whales in the second half, 44-26. With Angerman still battling the flu, the inside game fell on the shoulders of Mannix who responded with 19 points and 10 rebounds. She also blocked five shots.

Replacing Force at the point was freshman sharpshooter Jonna Ashenfelt, who continued to impress Morgan with her long-range shooting touch and court savvy.

"Coming from a small State 2A school, it's tough to make the transition to college basketball, and she is doing a terrific job," said Morgan.

Ashenfelter hit both three-point attempts, ending the game with eight points and two steals.

The Whales finished the season with an overall record of 11-17.

Whales dominate Sitka foe, end with 11 wins

BY GREGORY NORMAN
WHALESONG SPORTS EDITOR

Mary Force dominated a recent two-game series with intrastate rival Sheldon Jackson College scoring a total in the two games of 29 points, hauling in 17 rebounds, handing out 10 assists and stealing the ball five times.

Strong performances by Force, Jennifer Mannix and Mercedes Angerman, as well as a solid team defense, contributed to the University of Alaska Southeast Lady Whales notching their 11th win of the season.

In the first game of the series, the Whales increased a

five-point halftime lead, 36-31, to as many as 10 points in the early stages of the second half. They held Sheldon Jackson scoreless for the first 3 minutes of the second half.

"We came out extremely strong in the second half and continued to play well the rest of the game," said Lady Whales coach Sandy Morgan.

The Whales outrebounded Jackson in the first game, 47-35. Angerman snagged 10 rebounds, while pouring in 25 points.

Karn Mercer answered with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Mannix contributed 13 points and nine rebounds, in the (Continued on page 4)

Snowboard competition scheduled

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Maybe you've noticed the recent winter sensation that has swept the nation, the winter version of surfing; snowboarding.

There will be a mogul competition 11 a.m. on Sunday on the "Raven" run at Eaglecrest.

It will be a chance to get a

good look at the local talent in a comparatively young sport.

This race is part two of a three-race point series sponsored by Sims Snowboard Co., Adventure Sports, Coca Cola and Domino's Pizza and sanctioned by the United States Amateur Snowboarding Association (USASA).

The first race had Arron Mitchell, 16, turning in the best overall score, said Ian Fels,

president of the Juneau Official Snowboarding Club (JOSC).

"He destroyed the competition at the last contest. Some of the younger riders have no fear," said Fels.

The scoring is based on technical ability, speed and jumps, said Fels.

"Speed is the great equalizer," he said.

The race consists of two

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runs.

"In the first run, they're (contestants) really nervous, but in the second run, they're stoked and excited. It's a lot more fun to watch," said Fels.

There is a five dollar entry fee. The race will be filmed, edited and put to music, said Fels.

The first three winners in the 17 and under and the 18 and over categories will get free pizzas and 12-packs of Coke.

The winners of the series will win Sims snowboarding coats and snowboard bags and Sims clothing, said Tom Mayer, manager of Adventure Sports.

"There will be at least four more races, and possibly a half-pipe competition," said Fels.

A half pipe is a snow furrow where a boarder can go from side to side and catch air off the "lip" and do various tricks. It's similar to the skateboard ramp in the

Mendenhall Mall.

The other two races, besides the two remaining point races, will be a slalom and a giant slalom, both put on by JOSOC.

The half-pipe will start to be built around March 13, said Fels.

There have been snowboarders around Eaglecrest for about four years. Dave Edmonds, Carry Sedgewick and Mike Bently started about four years ago, said Fels.

"Some of the younger riders have no fear," said Fels.

Snowboarding started gaining popularity in the late '70's with advancements by Burton Snowboard Company and Sims.

"Burton and Sims first started it and they're the big names in boarding," said Fels.

The people who run Eaglecrest are "extremely in favor" of snowboarding and there's been a lot of support from the Juneau Ski Club, said Fels.

"It's really fun stuff to watch," said Fels.

For more information, contact Fels at 789-5774.

Force

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92-70 loss.

In game two, the Whales had an easy time of it, disposing of Jackson, 72-48.

Force collected 15 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, and Mannix had a game-high 20 points, adding nine rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots.

The bench picked up the slack, caused by the absence of Angerman, who saw limited action due to the flu.

"Everyone contributed to the win," said Morgan. Each

member of the Whales scored in the game.

Nu-Gina Rogers played a good game off the bench, said Morgan, collecting four points and two assists. "She has really played well for us in the second half of the season. She makes the key plays for us when she's in there, and that is what we need her to do," said Morgan.

Mercer had another strong outing scoring in double figures with 13 points and pulling down five rebounds.

The victories moved the Whales within percentage points of Jackson in the district standings before the Whales later losses.

faculty editors, at UAS, 11120 Glacier Ave., Juneau, AK 99801. The deadline for submissions is March 15.

The faculty are seeking upper division students, who have at least 12 credits in literature, (including English 2R1) to apply to join the editorial board. They can contact Peterson or Silva to apply.

Calvin: Thanks for a great night (Feb 20). I enjoyed being in your arms, safe and warm. Let's do it again sometime soon!!

Hobbs -- not Mike Hobbs

Ms. Pangia: You looked delicious buried up to your earlobes in fluff. Good luck with your new job. SCamp

Gregory "TAMED" Norman: She was boppin... Remember, falling flat on your face is still moving forward!

Brutha

Bert: Isn't it a pity. Isn't it a shame. Now you have an attitude, and you're the only one to blame. The Wench

Mike: We love your back rubs. We think you're fine. Come over Saturday, and we shall dine. The Girls

PERSONALS

To Dutch: Sorry for trying to be cute. Never happen again. Tree

Donita: I'm not the kind of guy to brag, But I am the luckiest man in Juneau.....THANKS You Know Who

Stephanie: Trash, Gloves, ring any bells? Had to do it! Don't be upset.

The other editors

Charli: Negatives positively do not like to be dropped in the snow and ran over repeatedly.

Your HARD working staff

Ruth: Do you really do it all? The Wench and Cohorts

Young

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different work ethic," explained Young.

He added that the priorities of the students and educators in many foreign nations are much different than those found in the United States.

While looking at issues specifically concerning University of Alaska Southeast students, Young expressed concern about the economic future of the city and borough of Juneau.

"If there aren't any jobs, then there isn't much sense in going to school. Students should be very concerned about

the future of this community. The issues your leaders are addressing are going to effect your generation and your children's the most," Young said.

He went on to explain that Southeast has a rather unique and diverse economic base consisting of timber, mining, tourism, fishing and several other industries, which are interdependent.

"I hear people say that you can do away with one of these industries and make up for it by pouring your efforts into another. It's simply not true because you can't control any of these industries," he said.

Young's example of a

compensated by a tourism boom. This is due to the fact that there is no way to ensure a tourism boom.

"Southeast has a diverse economic wheel, if you take a spoke out of that wheel -- you'll have a flat tire," said Young.

Young implored students to get involved and logically study the facts of the issues. "It's instinctive to follow the current political dilemma is that people don't realize that a reduction or halt of timber harvesting can not be emotional instead of factual information. I hope students take the time to discern what the issues really are and then make their decisions."

Seater

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boats around, and I was fishing alone."

A man who admits to having learned a lot of things the hard way, Seater's advice to students was to get as much out of mathematics as possible.

He said in a promising tone, "That, and be able to communicate well on paper, and the future is yours."

"The Industrial Revolution is over, we're in a technological revolution now, and technology is mathematics," he said.

People are being hired in this country who can not even speak English, because they can do mathematics well, he said.

PROFILE

Seater, who was originally a pre-medicine student in college, changed his major one day after he came up on a "very bad car accident," he said.

"There were a lot of young people hurt. That's when I decided that I had a lot of feelings and I didn't want to have to let go of them."

He said he was the first to arrive on the scene, and a doctor

showed up shortly after. The doctor exhibited no emotion at all. Later that day at school, when one of Seater's mathematics teachers asked him when he was going to become a math major Seater replied, "How about today."

He earned his B.A. degree in mathematics from Southern Oregon and his M.A. degree from Washington State.

"I have what they call an ABD degree, all but dissertation," he said.

One of the most exciting times in Seater's life was when he was in third grade. He entered a junior ski contest, because there were no divisions among younger skiers at that time. Seniors in high school competed with third graders. Seater took third in that contest and he said it was very exciting, because it was the first ski contest he'd ever entered.

Seater went on from that eight-year-old third place win, to ski on the United States Olympic team, "several years ago," as he put it.

He was on the nordic and bi-athlon teams, which means he participated in cross country skiing and target shooting.

One of the things he liked best about being on the team was getting to travel through Europe, he said.

"I love to travel. When I first finished high school, I traveled the States...hitch hiking."

"Eating is one of my favorite pastimes. That's one of the great things about traveling you get to try all different types of food."

Although he never made a decision on his own to move to Alaska, he said he loves it here.

"I love the people...the freedom from crime...the clean air and undisturbed woods," Seater said.

His parents moved to Anchorage from Klammath Falls, Ore. when he was six weeks old.

"They just decided to come up and check out the wild and woolly North," he explained.

As for the future, Seater said he still has a few places he wants to visit.

"I would really like to go to Australia and New Zealand, also Africa and South America. I've been to Chile, but I'd like to see more of South America."

In regard to career, though, he said he's completely satisfied. He loves both of his jobs. He said, the day he stops liking them, he will quit.

There are, however, a few changes that Seater would like to see at UAS.

On the subject of curriculum, he said he could only speak for mathematics, and that he would just like to see more of it offered. He said one more full-time instructor has been hired for next year and that he thinks that will help tremendously.

"Students will have more of a choice in instructors to take, which is very important to them," Seater said.

Another change that Seater said he feels would be beneficial to the school, faculty and students is an assessment procedure.

"If we had some type of assessment program, we as faculty could see whether or not we're doing what we say we're doing. Until I have some way of actually assessing that, I don't know how successful I'm being."

Sometimes students are so involved in a class while they're taking it, that they don't really know how much they're getting out of it. It's not until they back away and say 'I really learned a lot in there, or I didn't learn a thing,' that they can judge its worth, he said.

Seater has been an instructor at UAS for six years now.

Some of the people who have impacted or influenced the way he now sees the world, are his parents and brothers, but they have all passed away, he said.

The one last thought that Seater wanted to leave in the minds of students was this, "Even though you may be able to get into a class that's taught by a teacher who's easier, it may not be the best choice. You could end up with a short changed attitude as a result."

Noted filmmaker to speak: Roy Minter, former vice-president of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, will give a talk to the Alaska Geography class from noon to 1:15 p.m. on March 6 at the Hendrickson Annex, Room 102.

Open Gym Saturday: University of Alaska Southeast students can participate in UAS Night at the Gym. The Auke Bay Elementary School Gym will be open from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to all students.

Miss Juneau Pageant seeks contestants: The Miss Juneau Scholarship program is seeking contestants for this year's pageant, the local qualifying pageant for the Miss American scholarship program. that will be held March 10.

For information call 789-1371 between 5 and 9 p.m.

Bradshaw on Family series to air: Beginning Tuesday, the UAS Student Government and Student Activities in cooperation with UAS Student Resources will begin showing the 10-week "Bradshaw on the Family" series. The videos will be shown on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in the Hendrickson Annex, Room 104.